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SUBJ: DECISIONS OF THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN MINISTERIAL  
SESSION, DEC 9-10, 1975

THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE TEXT OF DPC/D(75)29, "DECISIONS OF THE  
DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN MINISTERIAL SESSION ON 9TH AND  
10TH DECEMBER, 1975." DATED DECEMBER 17, 1975. BEGIN TEXT:

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DECISIONS OF THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN  
MINISTERIAL SESSION ON 9TH AND 10TH DECEMBER, 1975

I. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP

1. MINISTERS:

TOOK NOTE OF A STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP  
ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP DURING 1975.

II. NATO DEFENCE PLANNING  
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A. SUMMARY APPRAISAL BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

DOCUMENT: DPC/D(57)23

2. MINISTERS:

TOOK NOTE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S OVERALL SUMMARY APPRAISAL.

B. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

3. MINISTERS:

TOOK NOTE OF A STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON CHANGES IN THE MILITARY BALANCE BETWEEN NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT.

C. NATO DEFENCE REVIEW 1975

REFERENCES: DPC/D(71)10  
MCM-80-75

DOCUMENTS: DPC/D(75)28 INTERIM GENERAL REPORT  
DPC/E(75)18 COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND STATISTICAL ANNEXES

4. MINISTERS:

(A) NOTED THE INTERIM GENERAL REPORT TOGETHER WITH THE COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND STATISTICAL ANNEXES, SETTING OUT INFORMATION AT PRESENT AVAILABLE ON THE CURRENT FORCE AND FINANCIAL PLANS OF COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD 1976-1980;

(B) NOTED THE REPORT BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE OVERALL SUITABILITY OF THE 1976-1980 FORCE PLAN AND THE ASSOCIATED DEGREE OF RISK;

(C) ACCEPTED (AS QUALIFIED BY (E) BELOW) ON BEHALF OF THEIR COUNTRIES THE FIRM FORCE COMMITMENTS REPRESENTED BY THE COUNTRY FORCE PLANS FOR 1996, AS RECORDED IN THE COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND THEIR STATISTICAL ANNEXES;

(D) ADOPTED (SUBJECT TO (E) BELOW) AS A NATO FORCE PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1976-1980 THE FORCE STRUCTURE SET OUT IN THE COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND STATISTICAL ANNEXES AND SUMMARISED IN THE OVERALL SUMMARY FORCE TABLES;  
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(E) INVITED THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION TO EXAMINE ON THEIR BEHALF THE INFORMATION RECENTLY MADE AVAILABLE ON THE FORCE PLANS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TURKEY, AND TO VALIDATE, AS APPROPRIATE, THEIR DECISIONS AT (A), (B), (C) AND (D) ABOVE IN REGARD TO THESE TWO COUNTRIES;

(F) INVITED THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION TO GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THOSE SPECIFIC MATTERS REFERRED TO AT PARAGRAPHS 6 TO 19 OF THE INTERIM GENERALREPORT;

(G) NOTED WITH SATISFACTION STATEMENTS MADE BY CERTAIN MINISTERS ON IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DEFENCE EFFORTS OF THEIR COUNTRIES DURING THE PLANNING PERIOD;

(H) RECALLED TO THOSE COUNTRIES CONSIDERING MAJOR CHANGES IN THEIR DEFENCE CONTRIBUTIONS THEIR OBLIGATION(1) TO CONSULT THEIR ALLIES FULLY AND AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT THE OVERALL IMPLICATIONS FOR ALLIANCE DEFENCE MAY BE PROPERLY EVALUATED AND THE VIEWS OF THEIR PARTNERS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE COUNTRIES IN QUESTION PRIOR TO TAKING A DECISION TO IMPLEMENT THE CHANGES THEY HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION;

(J) UNDERTOOK TO TAKE STEPS, IN CONSONANCE WITH THE OBLIGATION UNDERTAKEN BY THEIR COUNTRIES UNDER THE OTTAWA DECLARATION, TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THEIR FORCES IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMON DEFENCE, AND THAT EACH SHOULD UNDERTAKE, ACCORDING TO THE ROLE IT HAS ASSUMED IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE ALLIANCE, ITS PROPER SHARE OF MAINTAINING THE BURDEN OF THE SECURITY OF ALL;

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(1) C-M(55)82(FINAL), 5TH DECEMBER, 1955

(K) REAFFIRMED THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE NATO DEFENCE REVIEW PROCESS AND UNDERTOOK TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THE TIMELY AND COMPLETE SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE 1976 REVIEW.

D. SACEUR'S STUDY ON THE FLEXIBILITY OF NATO FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION

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REFERENCES: 1240.3/20-5-1/S9/75  
MCM-76-75

5. MINISTERS:

(A) TOOK NOTE OF SACEUR'S STUDY ON THE FLEXIBILITY OF NATO FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION;

(B) INVITED THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION TO EXAMINE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIS STUDY WITH A VIEW TO IMPLEMENTING AS MANY AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT DELAY; TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAMME FOR DOING SO AND TO KEEP THIS PROGRAMME UNDER REVIEW ON THEIR BEHALF.

III. RATIONALISATION/SPECIALISATION OF DEFENCE TASKS

REFERENCES: DPC/D(75)10  
DPC/D(75)14, PARAGRAPH 7

DOCUMENT: DPC/D(75)24

6. MINISTERS:

(A) TOOK NOTE OF THE REPORT;

(B) SUPPORTED CONTINUED EFFORTS LEADING TOWARDS ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT NATO TRAINING FACILITIES AND, IN PARTICULAR, ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL IN PARAGRAPH 9 FOR HELICOPTER CONTROLLER TRAINING;

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(C) DIRECTED THE ATTENTION OF STAFFS IN CAPITALS TO THE COMMENTS IN PARAGRAPHS 12-13, 19-21 AND 34-35 WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR THE ACTION TAKEN AND RECOMMENDED;

(D) SUPPORTED CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON PLANNING FOR HOST NATION SUPPORT OF WARTIME LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH A VIEW TOWARDS EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE COMPLEX ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH DETERMINING CIVIL AND MILITARY MOVEMENT REQUIREMENTS (PARAGRAPHS 25 AND 26) SO THAT REALISTIC AND WORKABLE PLANS CAN BE DEVELOPED;

(E) TOOK SPECIAL NOTE OF THE SERIOUS LOGISTICS SHORTCOMINGS IDENTIFIED BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES (PARAGRAPH 30) AND THE NEED TO RATIONALISE NATO'S APPROACH TO THESE PROBLEMS;

(F) INSTRUCTED THEIR STAFFS TO PUT FORWARD SPECIFIC PROPOSITIONS FOR EXAMINATION IN THE FIELD OF RATIONALISATION AND INVITED SIMILAR PROPOSALS FROM THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF;

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(G) INVITED THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION TO KEEP THE SUBJECTS EXAMINED IN THE DOCUMENT UNDER CLOSE REVIEW AND TO PROVIDE A FURTHER REPORT ON RATIONALISATION FOR THE SPRING MEETING OF MINISTERS.

#### IV. NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM

REFERENCES: MCM-77-75

DPC/D(75)12

DPC/D(75)14, PARAGRAPH 9(C)

DOCUMENT: C-M(75)70(REVISED)

#### 7. MINISTERS:

(A) NOTED THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAD CONFIRMED AN URGENT PRIORITY REQUIREMENT FOR A NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL CAPABILITY;

(B) NOTED THAT THE THREE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS HAD AGREED TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND A CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR SUCH A SYSTEM;

(C) NOTED THAT THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS HAD EXPRESSED THE COMMON JUDGEMENT THAT IT IS NOW TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE TO SATISFY THESE REQUIREMENTS WITH A SYSTEM BASED ON THE USAF "AWACS";

(D) ENDORSED THE PREPARATION, COSTING AND ASSESSMENT OF A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR SUCH A SYSTEM FOR CONSIDERATION AT THEIR SPRING 1976 MEETING;

(E) ENDORSED THE PLAN TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPLSA AS MUCH NON-US PRODUCTION-SHARING AS IS CONSISTENT WITH KEEPING BELOW 10 PCT THE COST GROWTH DUE TO PRODUCTION-SHARING;

(F) ENDORSED THE PREFINANCING BY INTERESTED NATIONS OF EXPENDITURES NECESSARY PRIOR TO THEIR SPRING 1976 MEETING FOR THE PREPARATION OF SUCH A PROPOSAL, FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE OPTION OF SYSTEM ACQUISITION THEREAFTER IN A TIMELY WAY WITHOUT MAJOR COST GROWTH, AND FOR PREPARATION FOR NON-US PRODUCTION-SHARING (1);  
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(G) AGREED THAT IF A POSITIVE DECISION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MADE TO ACQUIRE THE PROPOSED SYSTEM FOR NATO, ALL SUCH PREFINANCED EXPENDITURES WOULD BE REIMBURSED ACCORDING TO WHATEVER COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR THE ACQUISITION PROGRAMME;

(H) NOTED THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE CNAD THAT MINISTERS

SHOULD NOW AGREE IN PRINCIPLE THAT NATO SHOULD ACQUIRE AN AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM;

(J) UNDERTOOK TO MAKE A FIRM DECISION REGARDING THE SPECIFIC PROPOSAL AT THEIR SPRING 1976 MEETING.

V. STANDARDISATION AND ARMAMENTS RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT

REFERENCE: MCM-79-75  
DOCUMENT: DPC/D(75)25(REVISED)

8. MINISTERS:

(A) NOTED THE DOCUMENT AND THE ANNEXED REPORTS;

(B) AGREED TO CONTINUE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE SELECTED SPECIFIC ARMAMENTS AREAS, AND ON THE KEY INTEROPERABILITY ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED IN THE ANNEXES;

(C) REQUESTED THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO EXAMINE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE APPROPRIATE NATO BODIES, THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PERIODIC ARMAMENTS PLANNING SYSTEM FOR NATO AS SUGGESTED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE; AND TO EXAMINE THE OTHER ISSUES RAISED IN THE DOCUMENT, AND TO MAKE A FURTHER REPORT AT THE SPRING 197# MEETING OF THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

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(1) SEE ANNEX II, PARAGRAPH 7(3) OF DPC/D(75)24

VI. MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS

REFERENCE: DPC/D(75)14, PARAGRAPH 11  
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9. MINISTERS:

TOOK NOTE OF THE PRESENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA AND OF THE STATEMENTS MADE BY MINISTERS DURING THE DISCUSSION.

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. MINISTERS:

TOOK NOTE OF A STATEMENT BY THE DEFENCE MINISTER OF GERMANY, DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE DANGERS OF A COMMUNIST IDEOLOGICAL OFFENSIVE, FOLLOWING THE CSCE, AND INVITED THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO RAISE THE ISSUE WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THEIR FORTHCOMING MEETING.

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